

| NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN | | No. 01-804 |
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| TO: | School Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools Child and Adult Day Care Food Program Sponsors Summer Food Service Program Sponsors | ISSUE DATE: June 2001 |
| ATTENTION: | Food Services Directors, Executive Directors, Child Care Food Program Directors, and Food Program Authorized Representatives | |
| SUBJECT: | Raw Sprouts Served in Child Nutrition Programs | |

The California Department of Health Services, Food and Drug Branch, has requested that we send this alert regarding the service and consumption of raw sprouts in child nutrition programs.

Raw sprouts, including alfalfa, clover, radish, and bean sprouts (such as mung bean and soy bean sprouts) should not be served in child nutrition programs because of the potential for foodborne illness.

Attached is a press release issued by the California Department of Health Services that provides additional information on the health risks of serving and eating sprouts. This press release was initially distributed in June 2000 with Management Bulletin 00-406. It is reissued as a reminder of the potential dangers associated with the consumption of raw sprouts.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Schneider, Nutrition Education Specialist, Nutrition Programs, Education, and Training Unit at (916) 322-1566, (800) 952-5609, or via e-mail at cschneid@cde.ca.gov.

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